GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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Scholarship to Artists
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government is implementing scheme of Scholarships to Young Artists' in different Cultural Fields and if so, the details thereof;

(b) Whether financial assistance/honorarium/ scholarship has been granted to such artists in the country;

(c) If so, the details of the honorarium/scholarship provided in this regard during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and category-wise;

(d) Whether the payment of such scholarship for artists is pending in the recent past and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the corrective steps taken by the Government; and

(e) Whether the Government proposes to increase the amount for the artists under the said scheme and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. *276 FOR 5th DECEMBER, 2016.

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Government is implementing the scheme of "Scholarships to Young Artistes in Different Cultural Fields" to grant scholarship/financial assistance to artists in the field of performing arts in order to promote them in their respective fields.

(c) Each selected artist is given scholarship of Rs. 5000/- per month for a period of two year. There is no State/UT-wise and category-wise quota in the Scheme. Number of scholarships provided during the last three years and the current year (in year-wise batches) are as follows: 2012-13 batch: 400; 2013-14 batch: 400; 2014-15 batch: 212; 2015-16 batch: Meeting scheduled in January, 2017; Scholarships not awarded as yet for the 2016-17 batch of applications.

(d) No such delay has been noticed in the payments once selections are made after conducting the prescribed meetings of the Selection Committee.

(e) No such proposal is being considered by the Government.